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In re Application of: Jackson, Robertson, Kenche, Thompson, Prabaharan, Anderson, Abbott, Goncalves, Nesbitt, Shoenwaelder, and Saylik

Title: Inhibition Of Phosphoinositide 3-Kinase Beta

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#### Mail Stop Petition

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

# REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d)

Patentee hereby requests reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) accorded the above-referenced patent. Reconsideration of the final PTA calculation to increase total PTA from 92 to 674 days, is respectfully requested.

#### Remarks

# (1) Measuring Overlap of "A Delay" and "B Delay"

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U.S.C. § 154(b)(2)(A). As outlined in *Wyeth et al. v. Jon W. Dudas* (U.S. District Court, D.C., CA No. 07-1492, Mem. Op. September 30, 2008), the only way that these periods of time can "overlap" is if they occur on the same day. If an "A delay" occurs on one calendar day and a "B delay" occurs on another calendar day, they do not overlap and 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(2)(A) does not limit the extension to one day. <u>Id.</u>

The PTA for the instant patent, as currently calculated and shown on the face of the patent, apparently relies on the premise that the application was delayed under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) before the initial three-year period expired. The Wyeth v. Dudas court determined that this construction cannot be squared with the language of 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(l)(B), which applies "if the issue of an original patent is delayed due to the failure of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to issue a patent within 3 years." "B delay" begins only after the PTO has failed to issue a patent within three years, not before. <u>Id.</u>

# (2) Measuring "B Delay" for a National Stage Filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371

In addition to and independent of the "overlap" issue addressed above, Patentee respectfully submits that the Office did not apply the proper standard for determining the period of "B Delay" under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B). It is Patentee's understanding that for purposes of calculating "B Delay," the Office measured application pendency as beginning on July 6, 2006, the date on which the application fulfilled the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 371. However, as detailed below, the Office has admitted that using the filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c) is incorrect and that the relevant statutes and regulations require that when calculating "B Delay" for a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371, application pendency must be measured from the date that the national phase filing commences under 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) or (f) (i.e., not from the date on which the application fulfilled the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 371).

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The above referenced patent commenced the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 (b) or (f) on January 31, 2005.

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In view of the period of "A Delay" detailed above, the total "A Delay" for this patent should be calculated as 60 days.

#### "B Delay"

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The period beginning on February 1, 2008 (the day after the date that is three years after January 31, 2005, the date that the national stage commenced), and ending October 6, 2009 (the date the above-referenced patent was issued), is 614 days in length.

In view of the period of "B Delay" detailed above, the total "B Delay" for this patent should be calculated as 614 days. The PTO calculated 32 days of delay for issuance of a patent more than three years after filing. Patentee respectfully submits that the PTO's calculation of this "B Delay" is incorrect and that the correct PTO Delay for issuance beyond three years from filing is 614 days. See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.702(b) and 1.703(b).

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# **Applicant Delay**

There were no circumstances constituting a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of the application as set forth 37 C.F.R. § 1.704.

# Terminal Disclaimer

This patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

## Conclusion

In consideration of the events described above, Patentee believes the PTA calculation of 92 days is incorrect. As such, Patentee respectfully requests reconsideration of the PTA in the following manner:

- I) Total PTO Delay should be calculated as 674 days (i.e., the sum of 60 days of "A Delay" and 614 days of "B Delay" minus the 0 days of overlap);
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